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June 17, 1975

Honorable Clarence M. Kelley  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters  
Department of Justice  
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: Susan Edith Saxe - Former FBI Top Ten Fugitive

Dear Sir:

On Monday, June 9, 1975, defendant, Susan Saxe, entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging her with unlawful possession of a molotov cocktail and aiding and abetting an armed bank robbery. The indictment arose from an offense in Philadelphia on September 1, 1970, wherein Susan Saxe and co-defendant, Stanley Ray Bond, robbed the Bell Savings and Loan Association. Stanley Ray Bond was previously tried, convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

Following the bank robbery and up until March 1975, Susan Saxe, a notorious radical and feminist, was a fugitive from justice. She was allegedly involved in a bank robbery - murder in Boston and was also fleeing from those charges.

On March 27, 1975, primarily as a result of the diligence and efforts of Special Agent [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office, the Philadelphia Police were able to apprehend Susan Saxe. The arresting police officer viewed a wanted flyer of Saxe approximately one hour before the arrest. I have since learned that the wanted flyers were distributed by Special Agent [redacted]

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# Boston DA may bargain with Saxe

BY SHIRLEY ARMSTRONG

Suffolk County (Mass.) Assistant District Attorney John Gaffney told The Times-Union Thursday he would be willing to "consider" a plea of guilty to second degree murder in the case of Susan Saxe of Albany, charged with first degree murder and two counts of armed robbery in the Sept., 1970, holdup of a Boston bank and killing of a police officer.

Saxe, 26, who has pleaded innocent to all charges, has given no indication of desire to

plea bargain and, in fact, is at present without an attorney.

No date has been set for trial in Superior Court, but Gaffney said he is prepared to proceed as early as September.

The prosecutor, who said earlier that he took a dim view of negotiations which would result in a plea of guilty to any charge below that of murder, was asked Thursday if he would be amenable to a second degree murder plea. "I would consider it," he said.

In Massachusetts, both first

and second degree murder carry penalties of life imprisonment, but a person convicted of a first degree count may never be paroled, while a second degree conviction offers the possibility of parole consideration in 15 years.

Saxe, a former Albany High School honor student who remained on the FBI's Most Wanted List for almost five years before her March 27 arrest in Philadelphia, pleaded guilty in Federal Court in that city in May to charges of a bank robbery and the

looting of an armory in Newburyport, Mass. In exchange, she was promised a prison term of no more than 10 years on the federal convictions.

She is no longer represented by the two attorneys who handled her Federal Court case. For arraignment purposes in Boston she was represented by attorney Nancy Gertner of that city.

At that time Chief Justice Walter McLaughlin of Suffolk County Superior Court set deadlines for filing general appearance attorney and pretrial

al motions. He has since granted extensions for both.

Saxe now has until July 18 to produce a lawyer. If she fails to do so, she may either represent herself or petition the court to assign counsel. (In Massachusetts, a defendant charged with first degree murder may not be represented by a public defender).

It has been unofficially reported that legal fees have not been provided by Saxe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Saxe of Albany, but that she has instead drawn resources from the so-called lesbian commun-

ity, of which she says she is a member.

Pre-trial motions must be filed by Aug. 9. Routinely, a change of venue request is included in such a motion package on grounds of prejudicial publicity.

The possibility that such a request might be granted to Saxe appeared remote. Publicity in the case has been statewide and under Massachusetts law, the trial could be transferred only to one of four adjoining counties, Middlesex, Norfolk, Essex and Plymouth.

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ON JUNE 20, 1975 SUSAN EDITH SAXE WAS RETURNED  
TO MASSACHUSETTS BY USM FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA. DURING  
WEEKEND OF JUNE 21-22, 1975, SAXE WAS TEMPORARILY  
HOUSED AT MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, PLYMOUTH,  
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ON JUNE 23, 1975 SAXE APPEARED BEFORE U. S.  
MAGISTRATE PETER W. PRINCI, U. S. FEDERAL COURT, DISTRICT  
OF MASS., BOSTON, MASS. AUSA RICHARD BACHMAN RECOMMENDED  
THAT UFAP WARRANT PENDING AGAINST SAXE BE DISMISSED. WARRANT  
DISMISSED AND SAXE ARRESTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOSTON  
POLICE DEPT. AND CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY AND MURDER IN  
THE FIRST DEGREE. SAXE WILL BE CONFINED WHILE AWAITING TRIAL  
AT WORCESTER COUNTY JAIL, WEST BOYLSTON, MASS. LOCAL TRIAL  
NOT EXPECTED TO BEGIN BEFORE SEPTEMBER, 1975. U

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ON JUNE 19, 1975, SUSAN EDITH SAXE APPEARED BEFORE US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ALFRED C. LUONGO, EDPA., AND ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY TO ALL COUNTS IN INDICTMENT NUMBER 75-363M IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 641 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BURGLARY AND RELATED CRIMES OF THE NEWBURY PORT ARMORY, NEWBURY PORT, MASS. ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1970 PURSUANT TO RULE 20 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. U

ON SAME DATE, SUSAN EDITH SAXE WAIVED A RULE 40 HEARING AND WAS ORDERED TO BE REMOVED TO THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS IN CONNECTION WITH LOCAL CHARGES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASS. U

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PARAGRAPH THREE IN RETEL SHOULD READ, "SUSAN EDITH SAXE WILL  
ENTER A GUILTY PLEA UNDER FEDERAL CRIMINAL INDICTMENT NUMBER 73-3638,  
IN WHICH SAXE WAS CHARGED WITH THE THEFT AND RELATED CRIMES AT THE  
NEWBURY PORT ARSENAL, NEWBURY PORT, MASS. SAXE WILL ENTER HER PLEA  
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This concerns former top ten fugitive Susan Edith Saxe who was arrested on 3/27/75, by a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, police officer. Saxe was being sought in connection with Theft of Government Property and two Bank Robberies, during one of which a police officer was brutally murdered in September, 1970, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Attached from Philadelphia Office advises Saxe appeared in U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and entered a plea of guilty to three counts of a six count Federal criminal indictment. Saxe also pled guilty to another Federal criminal indictment which charged her with the theft and related crimes at the Newbury Port Arsenal, Newbury Port, Massachusetts. U.S. District Judge delayed sentencing of Saxe until she had appeared at Boston, Massachusetts, to answer local charges in that state. Following disposition at Boston, Saxe will be returned to Philadelphia for sentencing for the 9/1/70 robbery of a Philadelphia Savings and Loan Association and the burglary of the Newbury Port Arsenal. ✓

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ON JUNE 9, 1975, SUSAN EDITH SAXE APPEARED BEFORE USDCJ ALFRED C. LUONGO, EDPA., AND ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY TO COUNT ONE, TWO AND SIX OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL INDICTMENT NUMBER 75-236. COUNT ONE CHARGED SAXE WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 26, USC, SECTION 5861(D). COUNT TWO CHARGED SAXE WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTIONS 2113(A)(B)(D). COUNT SIX CHARGED SAXE WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 2113(A) AND SECTION 2113(B). U

COUNTS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE WILL BE DISMISSED AT TIME OF SENTENCING. U

SUSAN EDITH SAXE ALSO ENTERED A GUILTY PLEA UNDER FEDERAL

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CRIMINAL INDICTMENT NUMBER 73-363M, IN WHICH SAXE WAS CHARGED WITH THE THEFT AND RELATED CRIMES AT THE NEWBURY PORT ARSENAL, NEWBURY PORT, MASS. SAXE ENTERED HER PLEA UNDER THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 20. U

USDCJ ALFRED C. LUONGO, EDPA., DELAYED A SENTENCING OF SAXE UNTIL SHE HAD APPEARED AT BOSTON, MASS. TO ANSWER LOCAL CHARGES IN THAT STATE CONCERNING THE BANK ROBBERY IN WHICH A POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED. FOLLOWING DISPOSITION AT BOSTON, SAXE WILL BE RETURNED TO PHILA. WHERE THE SENTENCE FOR THE ROBBERY OF THE BELL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, 7578 HAVERFORD AVE., PHILA., PA. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1970 AND THE BURGLARY OF THE NEWBURY PORT ARSENAL SENTENCE WILL BE IMPOSED. U

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